



## SAS ACADEMY REPORT

There has been a large amount done on the National Training scheme over the period since the last SAS AGM.

We started off with a road show around the country to explain the vision of the scheme but more importantly to give clubs, classes and individuals the opportunity to comment and have input on the scheme. We also had regular articles in the sailing magazine calling for comment as this was never to be a scheme implemented by the management without input from the members. Unfortunately as is the norm in South African Sailing the road shows were badly attended and not one person commented on the articles but in spite of this the response of the South African sailors has been exceptionally positive.

The main target of phase one was to be accredited by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) to give us access to other training schemes around the world and to fall in line with the long term coach development plan that is being required of us by SASCOC. This also brings us in line with the requirements of the ICCE raising our profile with SRSA and SASCOC a great deal.

The requirements for recognition are to have:

1. At least four centers, complying with the ISAF guidelines, up and running.
2. A National Training Manager.
3. A national Training Office.
4. A database of all trained coaches, safety boat operators and all learn to sail students.
5. A database of all recognised centres.
6. A resilient training scheme that is well managed and controlled.

All these requirements were met in April when two ISAF inspectors came out to South Africa, inspected and recognized the SAS National Training Scheme. (Certificate attached)

During this year we have trained a total of 16 Assistant coaches, 43 Dinghy coaches, 25 Senior coaches and 63 Safety Boat operators.

Currently we have 8 centers that have been inspected and recognized by the National Training Academy

1. Zeekooivlei sailing centre
2. Crocs sailing centre(PSC)
3. Sailing SA (VLC)
4. Sail Benoni (BSC)
5. Sail Africa

6. Super Sail Wilderness(GLYC)
7. Adventure Centre Crabs Creek Knysna
8. Garden Route Sailing Academy(MBYBC)

We also have 3 centers that are 90% ready for inspection.

1. FBYC
2. KYC
3. LDYC

9 Yacht clubs who are working towards achieving the required standard to achieve recognition.

1. MAC
2. IYC
3. Hobie Centre Langebaan
4. TYC
5. PYC/RNYC
6. Richards Bay YC
7. Midmar YC
8. Hermanus YC
9. Boskop YC

Our goal for the 2011/2012 season is to introduce 2000 people to sailing through the 'learn to sail' program. At present the 'learn to sail' program has issued 164 LTS certificates mostly to children and all to newcomers to the sport. These have all been issued through the eight recognized centres.

We are also negotiating deals to offer training boats and equipment to recognized centers at reduced rates.

All in all we have had an exceptional year and have achieved far more than we could ever have imagined now we need to turn all the foundation work into people learning to sail.

We will get many more people sailing.

Rob Holden